

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A Committee has been constituted by Managing Director to investigate and suggest remedial measures. On the basis of interim report, the systems have been restored to normalcy and commissioning works are in progress. Final report of the Committee is expected by December, 1991 and the recommendations will be implemented.

#### **Review of Functioning of the Bureau of Indian Standards**

108. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:  
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government is undertaking a comprehensive review of the functioning of the Bureau of Indian Standards;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate a national policy on standardisation and quality with a view to make the Indian products certification system internationally acceptable;

(c) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether the quality of Indian products exported to the developed countries is upto the mark; and

(a) if not, the extent to which the steps contemplated by the Government will ensure supply of quality products in the Indian markets as well a further developed countries:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) An inter-Ministerial Task Force set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Civil Supplies, and Public Distribution is presently examining this matter and will suggest suitable steps to be taken in this regard.

(d) Yes, to great extent it compares favourably with standards of developed countries.

(e) The Bureau has already launched quality system certification to help the Indian industry to improve quality of their products to boost exports.

#### **Modernisation of Food processing Industry**

109. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:  
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to modernise the food processing industry in the country to make it a high-technology sector;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the target of exports of processed foods for the current year is likely to be achieved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;